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Oklahoma City Chums Honor Five and Award Three at Annual “I’m Every Woman” Scholarship Luncheon

(Oklahoma City) The Oklahoma City Chapter of Chums, Inc. hosted their “I’m Every Woman” Scholarship Luncheon on Saturday, September 14th, 2024, at the Quail Creek Golf and Country Club. Five outstanding women from the Oklahoma City Metropolitan area were honored for their contributions and services to our community and three high school graduates were awarded scholarships to the colleges they are attending this fall.

The honorees were presented as follows: **Dr. Monique Miles Bruner**, Vice President of Campus Resource Center at Rose State College; **Dr. Chalon Edwards Anderson**, former professor, the University of Central Oklahoma, author, radiologic technologist, columnist and political advocate for improving the lives of senior adults in Oklahoma; **Ms. DesJean Jones**, professional life and career coach and Executive Director of Opportunities Industrialization Center of Oklahoma County, Inc. (OIC); **Dr. Caletta McPherson**, MHR, LADC, CLC., Executive Director of CARE for Change, Inc.; and **Latasha Timberlake**, a community activist, educational consultant and innovative thought partner to non-profits and community organizations.

“These ladies truly represent the essence of our “I’m Every Woman” luncheon recognition. Their professionalism and the services they provide to our community and to the people of the State of Oklahoma are both impactful and admirable,” said Karen Carter, president of the Oklahoma City Chapter of Chums, Inc.

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Scholarships from the Dr. Karen M. Clark scholarship fund in the amount of \$1,000 each were presented to three 2024 high school graduates this year. **Laiynna Jethrow**, an Edmond Santa Fe high school graduate and four-year Honor student, **Faith Lewis**, a graduate of Classen School of Advanced Studies and creator of Faith's Mission, and **Angel Orquiz**, Governor's student of the month and graduate of Capital Hill High School.

The "I'm Every Woman" luncheon supports the Dr. Karen M. Clark Scholarship. Dr. Clark was the organizer and past president of the Oklahoma City Chapter of Chums, Inc. She served for more than 20 years in education as professor at St. Gregory College and Langston University and department chair and administrator at the State Department of Education.

Chums, Inc. is a national non-profit 501C 3 organization of women who use their talents in service to the community to promote civic, cultural educational and social improvement. The national theme, "listen to the children, enrich their lives" guides each chapter's efforts to help children develop their intellectual, moral, emotional, physical and social potential.

The Oklahoma City Chapter was chartered in 2007. Current members include: Chums, Inc. National Vice President, Marsha Ingersoll, Chapter President, Karen Carter, Vice President, Loraine Liggins, Recording Secretary, Anita Kirkpatrick, Treasurer, Renita Crump, Financial Secretary, Lisa Townsend Level, Corresponding Secretary, Marcia Talley, Historian/Journalist, Susan Townsend, members Annette Bly, Marsha Lyons, Cheryl Pennington, LaShawn Thompson, Sharon Turner, Sharmanlyne Vickers-Mathis, Glenda Mosby, Andrea Gaddis, Elaine Nelson-Lewis, LaVeta Breath, Mary Crook, Sonja Dulan and Latrina Rich.

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